

## Praying for the Mission of the Church

### WELCOME

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world.  
The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us  
**and we beheld his glory.**

### HYMN

#### CONFESSION

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

**Most Merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word, and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

#### ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our saviour  
forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

#### COLLECT/ READINGS/ SERMON

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## **INTERCESSIONS**

### **THE PEACE**

In the tender mercy of our God  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **HYMN**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president thanks God for all he has done.*

And now we give you thanks  
because you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation and have  
shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light to the nations.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president retells what happened when Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends the night before he died*

... in remembrance of me:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever,  
Amen.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy**

**But you are the same Lord,  
whose nature is always to have mercy:  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
So to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us.  
Amen.**

*The president and the people receive communion. All who know and love the Lord Jesus are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church.*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God our Father,  
Whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our  
words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **NOTICES/ HYMN**

#### **BLESSING**

**May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining star to  
find Christ, the Light from Light,  
Lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.  
Amen.**

**May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,  
give us a place with the saints in light,  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Amen.**

**May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace.  
Amen.**

**And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

**With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**